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SUBJ: SURINAM CATTLE IMPORTS

REF : (A) STATE 165066, (B) STATE 163615, (C) PORT OF SPAIN
1720, (D) PORT OF SPAIN 1668

1. MINAG OFFICER INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 9 THAT GOS ROLE
IN IMPORTING OF CATTLE WILL BE TO COORDINATE PRIVATE
IMPORT ORDERS. UNDERSTAND IMPORT LICENSES ALREADY
GRANTED TO CYRUS AND COMPANY (HERENSTRAAT 52, PARAMARIBO)
AND H. LIE KEN JIE (N.V. HANDELMAATSCHAPPIJ LIEKENS,
P.O. BOX 2497, PARAMARIBO) FOR TOTAL OF SIX THOUSAND
HEAD OF U.S. SLAUGHTER CATTLE TO BE TRANSPORTED BY AIR.

2. ACCORDING MINAG OFFICER CONSULTED, IMMEDIATE NEED IS
FOR SLAUGHTER CATTLE, ALTHOUGH INTEREST ALSO EXISTS IN
BREEDING CATTLE, NEEDED IN A YEAR OR SO. SURINAM'S
REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORTED TO BE AS
FOLLOWS: (A) NUMBER: SEVEN THOUSAND HEAD PER YEAR AT
PRESENT. HOWEVER, NEW LAW UNDER CONSIDERATION WOULD
PROHIBIT SLAUGHTER OF FEMALES. IF LAW ENACTED, ANNUAL
IMPORT REQUIREMENT COULD BE AS HIGH AS 12,000-14,000
HEAD; (B) WEIGHT: 350-400 KILOGRAMS; (C) GOOD QUALITY.

3. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTER AND BREEDING
CATTLE: CATTLE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CERTIFICATE
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OF INSPECTION OF EXPORT ANIMALS ISSUED BY USDA NO EARLIER

THAN EIGHT DAYS BEFORE EXPORT AS ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE OF GOOD HEALTH.

4. BREEDING CATTLE: MINAG OFFICER ESTIMATED SURINAM'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR BREEDING CATTLE AT 600 HEAD. HE INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR BRAHMA, TEN PER CENT MALE AND NINETY PER CENT FEMALE.

5. PAYMENT: SINCE IMPORTS WILL BE HANDLED BY PRIVATE SECTOR, NORMAL TRADE PROCEDURES WILL APPLY.

6 FOR FUTHER INFORMATION: SUGGEST CONTACT HEAD OF MINAG'S VETERINARY SERVICE, DR. E.HOOGHIEMSTRA, BEEKHUIZEN, PARAMARIBO, SURINAM. TELEPHONE NO. 82489 OR 82935. NO TELEX.

7. FOR PORT OF SPAIN: WE HAVE OBTAINED COPIES OF SURINAM'S LEGISLATION GOVERNING ANIMAL IMPORTS AND ESTABLISHED IMPORT CONDITIONS IN DUTCH. WE ARE TRANSLATING RELEVANT PORTIONS AND WILL POUCH WHEN COMPLETE. ZURHELLEN

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